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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT  
ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 4:22-MD-03047-YGR-PHK  
MDL No. 3047

**STIPULATED ~~[PROPOSED]~~ SECOND  
MODIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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This Document Relates to:

ALL ACTIONS

Pursuant to the Parties' Stipulation to Modify the Protective Order, ECF No. 658, Plaintiffs and Defendants hereby submit the attached Stipulated Proposed Protective Order for entry by the Court. The undersigned parties hereby stipulate as follows:

**1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Disclosure and discovery activity in this Action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, trade secret, commercially sensitive, personal health and/or educational, and/or other private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this Action is warranted. Accordingly, the Parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Protective Order. The Parties acknowledge that this Protective Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends

1 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the  
2 applicable legal principles. Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants are responsible for  
3 ensuring that all Parties added to this Action after this Protective Order is entered are informed of  
4 their obligations hereunder. Unless otherwise stated, all periods of time provided for in this  
5 Protective Order are calculated as calendar days.

6 **2. DEFINITIONS**

7 2.1 Action: Action shall refer to the actions currently included in MDL No. 3047, any  
8 other action hereafter added or transferred to MDL No. 3047, and all actions later remanded to  
9 their respective transferor courts from MDL No. 3047.

10 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation or non-  
11 designation of Disclosure or Discovery Material under this Protective Order.

12 2.3 Competitive Decision-Making: the action or process of making a business decision  
13 or resolving a non-legal question relating to a competitor, potential competitor, customer, or  
14 distribution partner regarding contracts, marketing, pricing, service development or design,  
15 product or service offering, research and development, mergers and acquisitions, or licensing,  
16 acquisition, funding or enforcement of intellectual property. It does not include legal advice  
17 provided in connection with litigation, potential litigation, or regulatory matters, nor does it  
18 include work performed as part of a trial team or to keep management advised on the progress or  
19 status of litigation, potential litigation, or regulatory matters.

20 2.4 “CONFIDENTIAL” Protected Material: Disclosure or Discovery Material that  
21 would qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

22 2.5 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as their  
23 support staff).

24 2.6 Designated House Counsel: House Counsel who have responsibility for managing  
25 this action and who seek access to “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” information in  
26 this matter.

1           2.7 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates Disclosure or Discovery  
2 Material that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
3 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR).”

4           2.8 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the  
5 medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things,  
6 testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or  
7 responses to discovery in this matter.

8           2.9 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to  
9 this Action who (1) has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a  
10 consultant in this Action, (2) is not a current employee of a Party or of a Party’s competitor, and  
11 (3) at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or of a Party’s  
12 competitor.

13           2.10 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” Protected Material: Protected  
14 Material the disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of  
15 serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

16           2.11 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a Party to this Action. House  
17 Counsel does not include Outside Counsel or any other outside counsel.

18           2.12 Insurance Representative: An employee or outside counsel of a liability insurer  
19 who may provide coverage to a Defendant in this Action, who has a need to know  
20 “CONFIDENTIAL” Protected Material in order to fulfill a duty to defend or evaluate a potential  
21 coverage obligation, and whose need to know “CONFIDENTIAL” Protected Material cannot be  
22 satisfied by disclosure to a previously authorized Insurance Representative. For the avoidance of  
23 doubt, an Insurance Representative cannot use Protected Material for any other purpose, including  
24 but not limited to use in any other litigation or arbitration proceeding.

25           2.13 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal  
26 entity not named as a Party to this Action.

27           2.14 Outside Counsel: attorneys, as well as their support staff to whom it is reasonably  
28 necessary to disclose the information for this Action (including but not limited to attorneys,

1 paralegals, secretaries, law clerks, and investigators), who are not employees of a Party to this  
 2 Action but are retained and have appeared in this Action to represent or advise a Party to this  
 3 Action and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached  
 4 hereto as Exhibit A.

5 2.15 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors, employees  
 6 (including House Counsel), consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel (and their support  
 7 staffs).

8 2.16 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
 9 Material in this Action.

10 2.17 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
 11 (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and  
 12 processing, organizing, storing, reviewing, categorizing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)  
 13 and their employees and subcontractors.

14 2.18 Protected Education Records (“PER”): has the meaning set forth under 20 U.S.C. §  
 15 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and includes but  
 16 is not limited to individually identifiable educational information.

17 2.19 Protected Health Information (“PHI”): has the meaning set forth in 45 C.F.R.  
 18 §§ 160.103 and 164.501, being part of the implementing regulations of the Health Insurance  
 19 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and includes but is not limited to individually  
 20 identifiable health information, including demographic information, relating to either (a) the past,  
 21 present, or future physical or mental condition of an individual; (b) the provision of health care to  
 22 an individual; or (c) the past, present, or future payment for health care provided to an individual  
 23 which identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the  
 24 information could be used to identify the individual.

25 2.20 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is or may be  
 26 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL,” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR).”

27 2.21 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a  
 28 Producing Party.

1           2.22 Export Control Protected Material: Highly Confidential (Competitor) Protected  
2 Material of a technical nature that may be subject to export control regulations.

3 **3. SCOPE**

4           3.1 The protections conferred by this Protective Order cover not only Protected  
5 Material, but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies,  
6 excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations,  
7 or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

8           3.2 The protections conferred by this Protective Order, however, do not cover the  
9 following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to  
10 a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as  
11 a result of publication not involving a violation of this Protective Order or another court's order,  
12 including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information  
13 known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the  
14 disclosure from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of  
15 confidentiality to the Designating Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed  
16 by separate agreement or order.

17 **4. DURATION**

18           4.1 Even after final disposition of this Action, the confidentiality obligations imposed  
19 by this Protective Order remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a  
20 court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of  
21 all claims and defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; or (2) final judgment of the  
22 Action after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews,  
23 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to  
24 applicable law and the time limits for filing a petition for writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of  
25 the United States if applicable. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce or modify this  
26 Protective Order and to make further orders with respect to the use or confidentiality designations  
27 of Protected Material.  
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1 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

2 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party  
 3 or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Protective Order must  
 4 take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate  
 5 standards. To the extent it is practical to do so, the Designating Party must designate for protection  
 6 only those parts of material, documents, items, information, or oral or written communications that  
 7 qualify—so that other portions of the material, documents, items, information, or communications  
 8 for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this  
 9 Protective Order. Absent such a designation, except as required any independent statutory or  
 10 regulatory obligation, the Receiving Party shall have no obligation to treat the disclosed material,  
 11 documents, items, or oral or written communications as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
 12 CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” unless and until notified pursuant to Section 5.7 of an  
 13 inadvertent failure to designate.

14 5.2 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that  
 15 are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to  
 16 unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary  
 17 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

18 5.3 If it comes to a Designating Party’s attention that Disclosure or Discovery Material  
 19 that it designated for protection does not qualify for the protection initially asserted, that  
 20 Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing or revising the  
 21 mistaken designation.

22 5.4 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this  
 23 Protective Order (see, e.g., Section 5.5(c) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure  
 24 or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Protective Order must be clearly so  
 25 designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

26 5.5 Designation in conformity with this Protective Order requires:

27 (a) For Protected Material in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic  
 28 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the

1 Producing Party affix the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
2 (COMPETITOR)” to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of  
3 the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the  
4 protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins), to the extent it is  
5 practical to do so. For Protected Material that is produced in native electronic format, the  
6 designation legend must be included in the file name of the native documents and on any related  
7 imaged slipsheets when produced, and any Party when printing such Protected Material must affix  
8 the designated legend to each page of the printed copy.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party or Non-Party that makes original  
10 documents or materials available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after  
11 the inspecting Party has indicated which material it would like copied and produced. During the  
12 inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be  
13 treated in accordance with the rules applicable to “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)”  
14 information. After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced,  
15 the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection  
16 under this Protective Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party  
17 must affix the appropriate legend (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
18 (COMPETITOR)”) to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of  
19 the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the  
20 protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins), to the extent it is  
21 practical to do so.

22 (c) For testimony given in deposition, that the Designating Party designate any  
23 testimony or exhibits “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)”  
24 either on the record before the close of the deposition or in writing on or before the later of thirty  
25 days after receipt of the final transcript or the date by which any review by the witness and  
26 corrections to the transcript are to be completed under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30. If any  
27 portion of a deposition is designated, the transcript shall be labeled with the appropriate legend in  
28 an obvious manner on the title page, and the title page must be followed by a list of all pages that

1 have been designated as Protected Material and the level of protection being asserted by the  
2 Designating Party. If any portion of a videotaped deposition is designated, the original and all  
3 copies of any videotape, DVD, or other media container shall be labeled with the appropriate  
4 legend in an obvious manner. The Party initiating the deposition shall inform the court reporter of  
5 these requirements.

6 Pending designation as set forth above, the entire transcript, including exhibits,  
7 shall be treated in accordance with the rules applicable to “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
8 (COMPETITOR)” information. If no designation is made within the time period above, the  
9 transcript shall be considered not to contain any “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
10 CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” information. The foregoing provision is expressly subject to  
11 the restrictions set forth in Section 5.6 below.

12 (d) For Protected Material produced in some form other than documentary and  
13 for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of  
14 the container or containers in which the Protected Material is produced or stored the legend  
15 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR).” If only a portion or  
16 portions of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent  
17 practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s) and specify the level of protection being  
18 asserted.

19 5.6 Any Protected Material that is used in the taking of a deposition shall remain  
20 subject to the provisions of this Protective Order, along with the transcript pages and videotape of  
21 the deposition testimony dealing with such Protected Material. The use of Protected Material as an  
22 exhibit at a deposition or other pretrial proceeding will not in any way affect its designation as  
23 Protected Material. Counsel for any Producing Party shall have the right to exclude from oral  
24 depositions, other than the deponent and deponent’s counsel, any person who is not authorized by  
25 this Protective Order to receive or access Protected Material based on the designation of such  
26 Protected Material. Such right of exclusion shall be applicable only during periods of examination  
27 or testimony regarding such Protected Material. Parties shall give other Parties notice if they  
28 reasonably expect a deposition or other pretrial proceeding to include Protected Material so that



1 the other Parties can ensure that only authorized individuals who have signed the  
2 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A) are present at those proceedings.

3 5.7 Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate  
4 qualified Disclosure or Discovery Material does not, standing alone, waive the Designating  
5 Party’s right to secure protection under this Protective Order for such material. Upon timely  
6 correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the  
7 material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order and shall return or  
8 destroy, at the Designating Party’s option, all qualified information or items that were not  
9 designated properly.

## 10 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

11 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
12 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party’s confidentiality  
13 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
14 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of this Action, a Party does not waive its right to  
15 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
16 original designation is disclosed.

17 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution  
18 process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis  
19 for each challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written  
20 notice must recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this  
21 specific paragraph of the Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in  
22 good faith and must begin the process by conferring directly (in voice-to-voice dialogue; other  
23 forms of communication are not sufficient) within fourteen days of the date of service of notice. In  
24 conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality  
25 designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the  
26 designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to  
27 explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of  
28 the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet-and-confer process first or establishes that

1 the Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet-and-confer process in a timely  
2 manner.

3         6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
4 intervention, the Designating Party may file and serve a motion to retain the confidentiality  
5 designation under Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable)  
6 within 21 days of the initial notice or within 14 days of the Parties agreeing that the meet and  
7 confer process will not resolve their dispute, whichever is earlier. Each such motion must be  
8 accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet  
9 and confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph. Failure by the Designating Party to  
10 make such a motion including the required declaration within the specified time period shall  
11 automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each challenged designation. In addition,  
12 the Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation at any time if  
13 there is good cause for doing so, including a challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript  
14 or any portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by a  
15 competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer  
16 requirements imposed by the preceding paragraph.

17         6.4 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the  
18 Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass  
19 or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party  
20 to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to  
21 file a motion to retain confidentiality as described above, all Parties shall continue to afford the  
22 material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's  
23 designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

## 24 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

25         7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material in connection with  
26 this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Protected Material  
27 may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this  
28 Protective Order.

1 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in  
2 a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.  
3 When this Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of  
4 Section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

5 (a) Law Enforcement Purposes. The Plaintiff State Attorneys General may  
6 disclose the Meta Defendants' Protected Material to other State Attorneys General and United  
7 States federal government enforcement agencies that are investigating and/or prosecuting  
8 consumer protection claims against Meta Defendants related to the allegations in any complaint  
9 filed by a State Attorney General against Meta Defendants that is or becomes included in this  
10 MDL, provided that those agencies agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Order. The  
11 State Attorneys General and United States federal government enforcement agencies who receive  
12 the Meta Defendants' Protected Material pursuant to this paragraph may use it for investigating  
13 and/or litigating their consumer protection claims against Meta Defendants related to the  
14 allegations in any complaint filed by State Attorneys General against Meta Defendants that is or  
15 becomes included in this MDL. The Parties agree to meet and confer regarding amending this  
16 provision to apply to additional Defendants if a complaint filed by a State Attorney General that is  
17 or becomes included in this MDL names such Defendants.

18 7.2 Pre-Trial Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Protected Material. Unless otherwise  
19 ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may  
20 disclose any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:

- 21 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel;
- 22 (b) Insurance Representatives to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for  
23 this Action, consistent with the restrictions set forth in Sections 2.12, 7.7, and 8, and who have  
24 executed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
- 25 (c) the Receiving Party, or the officers, directors, and employees (including  
26 House Counsel) of the Receiving Party (if an entity) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary  
27 for this Action;
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(d) Experts (as defined in this Protective Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(e) the Court and its personnel;

(f) court reporters and their staff;

(g) professional jury or trial consultants and mock jurors or focus group members who have signed a confidentiality agreement, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and whose representative has signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(h) during their depositions, witnesses in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court;

(i) any mediator who is assigned to hear this Action, and his or her staff, who have signed the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(j) the author or recipient of a document containing the Protected Material; and

(k) any custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information contained in the Protected Material.

7.3 Any party producing or disclosing any PHI or PER as defined herein will designate it “CONFIDENTIAL” under this Protective Order.

7.4 Pre-Trial Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” Protected Material. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” only to:

(a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel;

(b) Up to two Designated House Counsel of a Party who (i) are not involved in Competitive Decision-Making at or on behalf of the Party, and (ii) have executed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(c) Experts (as defined in this Protective Order) of the Receiving Party (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action, (2) who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), and (3) as to whom the procedures set forth in Section 7.6, below, have been followed;

(d) the Court and its personnel;

(e) court reporters and their staff;

(f) professional jury or trial consultants and mock jurors or focus group members who have signed a confidentiality agreement, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and whose representative has signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(g) any mediator who is assigned to hear this Action, and his or her staff, who have signed the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(h) the author or recipient of a document containing the Protected Material;

(i) during their depositions, 30(b)(6) witnesses of the Designating Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), provided that the material was produced by, originated with, or contains communications with or by the Party on whose behalf the witness is testifying; and

(j) any custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information contained in the Protected Material.

7.5 This Protective Order shall not be construed to restrict or limit the use, dissemination, or disposition by the Designating Party of its own information that it designates as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR).”

7.6 Procedures for Approving or Objecting to Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” Protected Material to Experts.

(a) “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” Protected Material as used in this Section 7.6 does not apply to source code. The Parties have represented to the Court that they will submit a separate Proposed Protective Order to address source code produced in this

1 action. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed to in writing by the Designating Party, a  
2 Party that seeks to disclose to an Expert (as defined in this Protective Order) any “HIGHLY  
3 CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” Protected Material, must first make a written disclosure to  
4 the Designating Party that (1) sets forth the full name of the Expert and the city and state of his or  
5 her primary place of business, (2) attaches a copy of the Expert’s current resume or CV, (3)  
6 identifies the Expert’s current employer(s), (4) identifies each person or entity from whom the  
7 Expert has received compensation or funding for work in his or her areas of expertise or to whom  
8 the Expert has provided professional services, including in connection with a litigation, at any  
9 time during the preceding five years and the Party to any litigation for whom such work was done,  
10 (5) identifies (by name and number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation in  
11 connection with which the Expert has offered expert testimony, including through a declaration,  
12 report, or testimony at a deposition or trial, during the preceding five years, and (6) identifies any  
13 patents or patent applications in which the Expert is identified as an inventor or applicant, is  
14 involved in prosecuting or maintaining, or has any pecuniary interest.

15           With regard to the information sought through part (4) of such an Expert disclosure,  
16 if the Expert believes any of this information is subject to a confidentiality obligation and/or non-  
17 disclosure agreement to a Non-Party, then the Expert should provide whatever information the  
18 Expert believes can be disclosed without violating any confidentiality agreements, including at a  
19 minimum disclosing the existence of the confidentiality agreement and/or nondisclosure agreement,  
20 and the Party seeking to disclose to the Expert must be available to meet and confer with the  
21 Designating Party regarding any such engagement.

22           At least one Defendant (Meta) has, prior to this litigation, produced material to State  
23 Attorneys General in connection with State investigations addressing issues similar to those at  
24 issue in this action. Some of those materials were designated as “Confidential” as defined by and  
25 pursuant to a Confidentiality Agreement between Meta and the State Attorneys General. [Dkt.  
26 506-1]. That Confidentiality Agreement permits the State Attorneys General to disclose  
27 information or material designated as Confidential (under the terms of that Agreement) to  
28 consultants and experts who have agreed in writing to afford such information a level of

1 protection against disclosure that is at least as protective as the terms of that Agreement, without  
2 any prior disclosure to the Producing Party of who those experts are. *Id.* at ¶ 14(c). Defendants  
3 have re-produced in this litigation those same materials that were previously produced to the  
4 State Attorneys General (and to the extent any have not yet been re-produced, Defendants  
5 anticipate completing such re-production).

6 For avoidance of doubt, if a State Attorney General Plaintiff has been and/or is  
7 continuing to work with an expert or consultant on any investigations, and *not* this litigation,  
8 then the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement control and, for that reason, no disclosure of any  
9 such expert or consultant (as discussed in this Section 7.6) is required even if such expert or  
10 consultant has received or has access to material designated as “Confidential” pursuant to that  
11 Confidentiality Agreement regardless of whether it has been re-produced in this litigation.

12 For further avoidance of doubt, if a State Attorney General Plaintiff desires in the future  
13 to disclose documents, information, or material designated by a Defendant as “HIGHLY  
14 CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” Protected Material, where such documents, information, or  
15 material were not produced by a Defendant in connection with a State investigation (and thus  
16 were not produced pursuant to the Confidentiality Agreement in the investigations), then the  
17 disclosure requirements of this Paragraph 7.6 shall at that point be triggered.

18 Additionally, as required by Sections 5.1 and 5.2 herein, a Designating Party shall not  
19 over-designate produced documents, information, or material as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
20 (COMPETITOR)” Protected Material.

21 (b) A Party that makes a disclosure and provides the information specified in  
22 the preceding respective paragraphs may disclose the subject Protected Material to the identified  
23 Expert unless, within fourteen calendar days of delivering the request, the Party receives a written  
24 objection from the Designating Party. Any such objection must set forth in detail the grounds on  
25 which it is based. Any such objection shall be reasonable and made in good faith, and shall be  
26 signed by counsel under Fed. R. Civ. P. 11.

27 (c) A Party that receives a timely written objection must meet and confer with  
28 the Designating Party (through direct voice-to-voice dialogue) to try to resolve the matter by



1 agreement within ten calendar days of the written objection. The Parties shall comply with all  
 2 meet and confer requirements in Section H of this Court’s Discovery Standing Order. If no  
 3 agreement is reached, the Parties shall comply with Section H of the Court’s Discovery Standing  
 4 Order by presenting a joint letter brief to present such discovery dispute to the Court, or otherwise  
 5 in accordance with any other Orders from the Court on procedures for disputes relating to  
 6 discovery matters and protective orders in this matter. Each such motion must be accompanied by  
 7 a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer  
 8 requirements imposed in this paragraph and the Court’s Standing Orders.

9 In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to the Expert bears the burden of  
 10 proving that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail (under the safeguards proposed)  
 11 outweighs the Receiving Party’s need to disclose the Protected Material to its Expert.

12 7.7 Disclosure of Protected Material to Designated House Counsel or Insurance  
 13 Representatives. Any Protected Material provided to Designated House Counsel or Insurance  
 14 Carriers pursuant to Sections 7.2(b) or 7.4(b) above, shall be provided through a secure, third-  
 15 party platform and access shall be limited to read-only. Each Designated House Counsel or  
 16 Insurance Representative shall be provided their own access credentials, which they shall not share  
 17 with anyone else.

18 **8. CHALLENGES TO DESIGNATED HOUSE COUNSEL OR INSURANCE**  
 19 **REPRESENTATIVES**

20 8.1 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed to in writing by the Designating  
 21 Party, before disclosing any Protected Material designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” (in the case of  
 22 Insurance Representatives) or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)” (in the case of a  
 23 Party’s Designated House Counsel), a Party must submit in writing to the Designating Party a  
 24 written statement that: (1) sets forth the full name of each Designated House Counsel or Insurance  
 25 Representative and the city and state of his or her residence, and (2) (for Insurance Representatives  
 26 only) states the Insurance Representative’s job title and a brief explanation regarding the  
 27 individual’s need to know the Confidential Information, and (3) (for Designated House Counsel  
 28 only) describes each Designated House Counsel’s primary job duties and responsibilities in



1 sufficient detail to determine if each Designated House Counsel is involved in Competitive  
2 Decision-Making. If at any time, a Party decides to replace a Designated House Counsel or  
3 Insurance Representative, the Party must submit a written statement regarding its proposed  
4 replacement Designated House Counsel or Insurance Representative pursuant to this paragraph  
5 and follow the procedures in Sections 8.2 and 8.3 below.

6 8.2 A Party may disclose Protected Material to its Designated House Counsel or to an  
7 Insurance Representative in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order unless the  
8 Party receives a written objection from a Designating Party within 10 days of receiving notice as  
9 described in Section 8.1. If the Party replaces any of its Designated House Counsel or Insurance  
10 Representatives pursuant to Section 8.1, the Party may disclose Protected Material in accordance  
11 with this Protective Order unless such Party receives a written objection from a Designating Party  
12 within 10 days of receiving the Party's written statement. Any objection must set forth in detail  
13 the grounds on which it is based.

14 8.3 If a Party receives a timely written objection, it must meet and confer with the  
15 Designating Party to try to resolve the matter by agreement within 7 days of the written objection.  
16 If no agreement is reached, the Designating Party will then have 7 additional days to comply with  
17 the dispute resolution procedures in Magistrate Judge Hixson's Standing Order or to file a motion  
18 with the Court objecting to the Designated House Counsel or Insurance Representative. The Party  
19 will not disclose any "CONFIDENTIAL" designated Protected Material to Insurance  
20 Representatives or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)" designated Protected Material  
21 to the proffered Designated House Counsel pending resolution of the dispute.

22 **9. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN**  
23 **OTHER LITIGATION**

24 9.1 If a Party or other person or entity authorized to receive Protected Material under  
25 Section 7 is served with a subpoena or court order in other litigation that compels disclosure of  
26 any Protected Material that Party must:

27 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party, including a copy of the  
28 subpoena or court order;

1 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to  
2 issue in the other matter that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is  
3 subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Protective Order;  
4 and

5 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by  
6 the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

7 9.2 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the  
8 subpoena or court order shall not produce any Protected Material before a determination by the  
9 court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating  
10 Party's permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection  
11 in that court of its confidential material. Any agreement by a Designating Party that Protected  
12 Material may be produced in response to a subpoena or order does not in any way waive the  
13 protections this Protective Order provides against disclosure in any other matter, including this  
14 Action.

15 9.3 The provisions set forth herein are not intended to, and do not, restrict in any way  
16 the procedures set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(d)(3) or (f). Nothing in these  
17 provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to  
18 disobey a lawful directive from another court.

19 **10. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN**  
20 **THIS ACTION**

21 10.1 The terms of this Protective Order are applicable to Protected Material produced by  
22 a Non-Party in this Action. Such Protected Material produced by Non-Parties in connection with  
23 this Action is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Protective Order. Nothing in  
24 these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional  
25 protections.

26 10.2 In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-  
27 Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the  
28 Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall

(a) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party.

(b) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Protective Order in this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

(c) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

10.3 If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this Court within 14 days after receiving the notice and accompanying information, then the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any of the Non-Party's information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the Court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this Court of its Protected Material.

## **11. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

11.1 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately:

(a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosure(s);

(b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material;

(c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Protective Order; and

(d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

11.2 Nothing in these provisions limits or prohibits a Party or Non-Party from seeking any available legal or equitable remedies or relief for the unauthorized disclosure of its Protected

1 Material, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs associated with enforcing its rights  
2 under this Protective Order.

3 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

4 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Protective Order abridges the right of any  
5 person or Party to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

6 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective  
7 Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any  
8 Disclosure or Discovery Material on any ground. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on  
9 any ground to use in evidence of any of the Disclosure or Discovery Material covered by this  
10 Protective Order.

11 12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party  
12 or a Court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested parties, a Party may not file in the  
13 public record in this Action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any  
14 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5, unless otherwise permitted or ordered  
15 by the Court, and Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a Court order  
16 authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material. If a Court determines that certain  
17 Protected Material may not be filed under seal, then the Receiving Party may file the information  
18 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the Court.

19 12.4 Prosecution Bar. Absent written consent from the Designating Party, any  
20 individual bound by this agreement who receives access to "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
21 (COMPETITOR)" Protected Material must not be involved in the prosecution of patents or patent  
22 applications relating to the subject matter of the "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (COMPETITOR)"  
23 Protected Material. For purposes of this paragraph, "prosecution" includes directly or indirectly  
24 drafting, amending, advising, or otherwise affecting the scope or maintenance of patent claims.  
25 Prosecution includes, for example, original prosecution, reissue, and reexamination and other post-  
26 grant proceedings. This Prosecution Bar begins when access to "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
27 (COMPETITOR)" Protected Material is first received by the individual and ends two (2) years  
28 after final disposition of this Action has expired, as defined by Section 4.

12.5 Privilege Logs. The Parties' agreement regarding the requirements for, timing, format, and content of privilege logs will be memorialized in a separate agreement.

12.6 Production of Privileged or Otherwise Protected Material. The Parties will request the Court to enter a separate order under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) that governs the production of Disclosure and Discovery Material that is protected from discovery.

12.7 Source Code. This Protective Order is not intended to, and does not, govern the confidential treatment of Defendants' Source Code. The Parties agree to address the confidential treatment of Defendants' Source Code in a separate protective order.

12.8 Export Control. Except to the extent permitted by law, no Protected Material designated "EXPORT CONTROL PROTECTED MATERIAL" may leave the territorial boundaries of the United States of America, be viewed outside the territorial limits of the United States of America, or be made available to any foreign national who is not (i) lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or (ii) identified as a protected individual under the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1324b(a)(3)). At the time of production, a Disclosing Party will identify to the Receiving Party the Export Control Classification Numbers of the technical data contained in the Disclosing Party's "EXPORT CONTROL PROTECTED MATERIAL" productions to the best of its knowledge, and the Receiving Party must ensure that it complies with all applicable export control regulations. This provision does not apply to Protected Material designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL (SOURCE CODE)," which shall be governed by a later order.

### 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

13.1 Within 60 days after the final disposition of this Action, as defined in Section 4, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material and provide written confirmation of destruction.

13.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Receiving Party that is an insurance company with a potential coverage obligation with respect to this Action, or a Defendant that is pursuing insurance coverage for this Action, shall be permitted to retain copies of Protected Material subject to all requirements of this Protective Order and solely to the extent such retention is

1 necessary to comply with applicable law and its regulatory and contractual obligations or to pursue  
 2 insurance coverage from its insurer; and such insurance company and Defendant shall return or  
 3 destroy such Protected Material within 60 days of the end of the above-stated reasons or  
 4 obligations to retain the Protected Material.

5 13.3 As used in this subdivision, “Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts,  
 6 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
 7 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must  
 8 promptly thereafter submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same  
 9 person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60-day deadline that (1) identifies (by category,  
 10 where appropriate) all of the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms the  
 11 Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, or any other  
 12 format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision,  
 13 Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition,  
 14 and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert  
 15 reports, a Party’s own client records, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work  
 16 product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain  
 17 or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4  
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1 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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**ATTESTATION**

I, Thomas Huynh, hereby attest, pursuant to N.D. Cal. Civil L.R. 5-1, that the concurrence to the filing of this document has been obtained from each signatory hereto.

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of \_\_\_\_\_ [print/type full  
address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the  
Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of  
California in the case *In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability  
Litigation*, No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR (N.D. Cal.). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all  
the terms of this Protective Order and any updates made thereto, and I understand and  
acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment. I solemnly  
promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this  
Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this  
Protective Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this Action.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_